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### CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

#### INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the consultation and coordination activities the BLM has carried out while preparing this draft document. Public comments on the document and BLM responses to them will be included in this chapter of the Final El Malpais Plan.

Consultation and coordination have occurred in a variety of ways throughout the planning process. Formal and informal efforts have been made to involve the public, other federal agencies, American Indian tribal groups, state and local governments. More detailed documentation of this effort is on file at the Albuquerque Field Office, as is a complete list of all those contacted.

#### CONSULTATION REGARDING WILDLIFE

The BLM must consult with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 before any agency project is initiated that may affect any federally listed, special-status, plant or wildlife species or its habitat. This proposed plan is considered a major federal action, so the BLM has initiated informal consultation. Letters documenting this activity are on file at the Albuquerque Field Office.

#### CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER PLANS

BLM planning regulations require that Resource Management Plans be consistent with officially approved or adopted resource-related plans, policies and procedures of other federal agencies, American Indian tribes, state and local governments. To ensure such consistency, the BLM has sent letters to all the groups and agencies listed in Table 5-1. These same entities have received copies of this document for their comment.

No inconsistencies are known between any of the plan alternatives and officially approved and adopted, resource-related plans of any of the above-mentioned groups. The BLM will continue to consult and coordinate during the public comment periods on this plan.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation in this El Malpais Plan is a dynamic process that continues throughout plan development and beyond. In addition to formal public participation, informal contact occurs frequently with public land users and interested persons. All applicable public participation is documented and analyzed in the planning process and kept on file at the Albuquerque Field Office.

Public involvement is essential to the success of the plan. Although public input is welcome at any time, the BLM provides five specific opportunities for public comment, participation or review during the planning process.

1. The BLM published a general Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an RMP Amendment/EIS in the *Federal Register* on March 29, 1995 (Vol. 60, No. 60). In the NOI, the agency also identified the general planning criteria and invited public comment. This letter invited them to participate again by attending meetings and/or providing written comments.
2. With the NOI, the BLM officially initiated the scoping process. The agency then held public meetings to develop planning issues and review planning criteria in Grants (April 24-25, 1995), the Ramah Navajo Chapter House (April 25, 1995), and Albuquerque (April 26-27, 1995). The BLM met with the Acoma Tribal government on April 4, 1995, and accepted written comments until scoping officially ended on May 19, 1995. Completing Steps 1 and 2 of the planning process, the agency mailed out information on the results of public scoping on July 24, 1995, to all on the El Malpais Plan mailing list.
3. The BLM is providing a 90-day public comment period for this document. Public meetings to collect oral comments on the plan are scheduled for Albuquerque, Grants and Ramah. To gather input on the suitability of the Chain of Craters Wilderness Study Area for wilderness designation, the agency will also hold a formal public hearing.

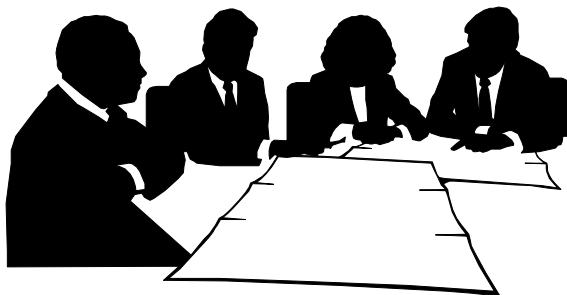
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4. After publishing the Proposed Plan and Final EIS, the BLM will provide a 30-day period for public protests of the RMP Amendment decisions. (Note: BLM regulations provide that only those people who participated in the planning process may protest a proposed RMP Amendment, and those protests are limited to specific issues commented on during the planning process.)
5. The BLM will then release the ROD and Approved Plan (RMP Amendment), including any significant changes made as the result of an action on a protest. Appeals of activity-level planning decisions can be made by those parties adversely affected at the time the ROD is released.

After the plan is published, the BLM will prepare an annual update to keep members of the public informed about the progress made in plan implementation. The update will also describe the activity plans to be prepared the following year so interested persons may request copies and comment on them. This effort will enable the public to become further involved in specific land management actions resulting from plan implementation.

### PREPARERS OF THE PLAN

This plan has been prepared by an interdisciplinary team of BLM resource specialists. Table 5-2 lists the names and qualifications of each team member.



**TABLE 5-1**

**PARTIAL LISTING OF GROUPS AND AGENCIES  
RECEIVING THE EL MALPAIS PLAN**

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American Indian Tribes and Groups

Acoma Pueblo  
Alamo Navajo Chapter  
All Indian Pueblo Council  
Cañoncito Navajo Chapter  
Laguna Pueblo  
Navajo Tribal Council  
Ramah Navajo Chapter  
Zuni Pueblo

Businesses

Continental Divide Electric Cooperative  
Cottonwood Gulch Foundation  
First National Bank  
G S & S Partnership  
Grant County Farm & Livestock  
Grants State Bank  
Hampton Builders Corporation  
Headquarters West Ltd.  
Hunter Corporation  
Jerome P. McHugh & Associates  
Mariah Associates  
Moleres Ranch Inc.  
NationsBank  
NM-AZ Land Company  
Pitchford Properties  
Public Lands Association  
Public Service Co. of NM  
Quivira Research Center  
REI  
Sandia Man Films  
SW Off Road Enterprises  
Sunset Inc.  
Techado Land & Cattle Co.  
Western Land Bank  
Wilderness Center  
Williams Co.  
Zia Research  
Zuni Archeology Program

Interest Groups

Albuquerque Wildlife Federation  
American Wilderness Alliance  
American Wildlands

American Fisheries Association  
Amigos Bravos  
Archeological Conservancy  
Backcountry Horsemen  
Center for Environmental Research  
Central NM Audubon Society  
Cibola Chamber of Commerce  
Commission of Wilderness Supporters  
Continental Divide Trail Society  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Earth First  
East Manzano Alliance  
Friends of Paleontology  
Forest Guardians  
Gallup Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Grand Canyon Trust  
Greater Gila Biodiversity Project  
Los Amigos del Malpais  
National Audubon Society  
National Parks & Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
NM Archeological Council  
NM Cattle Growers Association  
NM 4 Wheelers  
NM Garden Clubs  
NM Land Use Alliance  
NM Mountain Club  
NM PIRG Fund  
NM Speleological Society, Sandia Grotto  
NM Trials Association  
NM Volunteers for the Outdoors  
NM Wilderness Coalition  
NM Wilderness Study Committee  
NM Wildlife Federation  
Plateau Sciences Society  
Public Land Users Association  
Public Lands Action Network  
Sandia Mountain Wildlife Association  
Sierra Club  
Southwest Research & Information Center  
The Nature Conservancy  
The Wilderness Society  
The Wildlife Society  
Tonantzin Land Institute  
University of Arizona  
University of New Mexico

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<u>Interest Groups, concl'd</u>	<u>State Government Agencies</u>
Wilderness Watch, NM Chapter	Governor's Office
Wildlife Rescue of NM	Bureau of Mines & Mining
Zuni Mountain Coalition	Dept. of Agriculture
	Dept. of Finance & Administration,
	State Clearinghouse
	Dept. of Game & Fish
	Dept. of Highways & Transportation
	Dept. of Parks & Recreation
	Dept. of Tourism
	Environment Dept.
	NM Museum of Natural History
	NM Office of Indian Affairs
	State Game Commission
	State Historic Preservation Office
	State Land Office
<u>Federal Government Agencies</u>	<u>Local Government Agencies</u>
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Catron County
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA),	Cibola County
Eastern Navajo Agency	City of Gallup
BIA, Ramah Agency	City of Grants
BIA, Southern Pueblos Agency	Coalition of AZ/NM Counties
BIA, Zuni Agency	Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments
Bureau of Mines	Village of Milan
Bureau of Reclamation	
Dept. of Energy	
Dept. of Justice	
Dept. of Transportation	
Environmental Protection Agency	
Fish & Wildlife Service	
Dept. of Interior,	
Office of Environmental Project Review	
National Park Service (NPS),	
El Malpais Nat'l Monument	
NPS, El Morro Nat'l Monument	
NPS, Southwest Cluster	
Natural Resources Conservation Service	
Rural Economic & Community Devel. Admin.	
U.S. Air Force	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	
U.S. Forest Service, Cibola National Forest	
U.S. Forest Service, Southwest Region	
U.S. Geological Survey	
	<u>U.S. Congress</u>
	The Honorable Pete V. Domenici
	The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
	The Honorable Joe Skeen

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## LIST OF PREPARERS

Name	Assignment	Education	Related Experience <sup>a</sup>
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Jim Silva	Wildlife Habitat, Threatened & Endangered Species, Vegetation, Fire	BS Biology	BLM Wildlife Biologist/Natural Resources Specialist, 24 years
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Gene Tatum	Vegetation, Range Management, Woodland Resources	BS Range Science	BLM Natural Resource Specialist, 5 years BLM Rangeland Mgt. Specialist, 15 years
<u>Natural Resource &amp; Planning Advisors</u> Steve Fischer	Planning Advisor, NCA Manager	BA Political Science, Fine Art MA Anthropology	BLM Natural Resource Specialist, 2 years BLM Project Manager/NCA Manager, 10 years BLM Public Affairs Specialist, 3 years
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Patricia McLean	Planning Advisor, Geology & Minerals	BA English	BLM Manager, 11 years (Retired) BLM Administration, 8 years
Jerry Wall	Soil & Water Advisor	BS Forestry Management MS Forest Soils	BLM Soils Scientist, 21 years USFS Soils Scientist, 10 years
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**TABLE 5-2, concl'd**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Related Experience <sup>a</sup></b>
<u>Technical &amp; Document Production Staff</u> M'Lee A. Beazley	Graphic Artist & Desktop Publisher	Graphic Design	BLM Visual Information/Printing Specialist, 4 years BLM Staff Assistant, 10 years
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Anna Salas	Word Processor & Process Records Mgr.	High School Diploma	BLM Staff Assistant, 16 years
Jennifer Schultz	Copy Editor & Proofreader	BA Psychology	Temporary Assistant
Sarah W. Spurrier	Writer-Editor	BA Psychology MBA	BLM Writer-Editor, 17 years Technical Writer-Editor, 2 years (pvt. industry)

Note: <sup>a</sup> Acronyms are as follows: BIA--Bureau of Indian Affairs, BLM--Bureau of Land Management, USFS--U.S. Forest Service.